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I. Amendments In the specification:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, lines 2-3:

At present, the opportunities for practicing polo other than a polo match are limited. One option is for a player to ride a polo pony and to hit a series of series of balls across a field. Whilst such practice is very effective, it is a relatively expensive option and requires the use of a large area. Moreover, there is a problem with position the practice balls and in retrieving them once they have been hit.

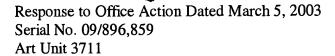
Page 6, line 9:

The output of the motor 50 is also fed via a pulley 58, a drive belt 60, a pulley 62 and a further belt and pulley arrangement 64 to a drive shaft 66 to which are connected two rollers 68 around each of which a respective one of the two conveyors 22, 24 is entrained. Thus, operation of the motor M not only induces simulated a galloping motion in the horse but also causes the conveyor belts 22, 24 to move. Moreover, as the speed of the motor M is increased the speed of the galloping action increases and the speed of the conveyor belts increases accordingly.

Page 8, line 15 and line 18:

If the ball is hit forwardly or to one side, it will rebound from the from or side wall 12, 14 16, 18 and move down the inclined walls 26, 28 30, 30 32 towards one of the conveyor belts 22, 24, where it becomes available for the rider to hit the ball again. This process is repeated until the balls collect at the







junction at the rearmost portion of the conveyor belts and the rear inclined wall 32 34.